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February 18, 2011

Senator Andrew M. Maynard
Representative Antonio Guerrero
Members of the Transportation Committee
State of Connecticut General Assembly
2300 LOB
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: IN SUPPORT of Proposed Bill 6126 An Act Authorizing Bicyclists to
Cross the Housatonic Railroad at Grade in New Milford**

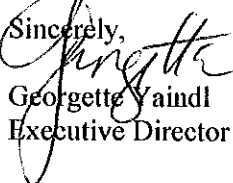
Dear Co-Chairs Maynard and Guerrero, and Committee members,

Bike Walk Connecticut is a statewide membership based organization committed to ensuring that bicycling and walking are attractive, safe, and reliable modes of everyday transportation in Connecticut.

We are writing to express our organization's support for H.B. 6126. Sega Meadows Park and the railroad tracks crossing at issue are critical links for establishing a Housatonic River Valley Trail. We understand that New Milford town officials support this legislation and that the legislation was initiated at the behest of the railroad.

We urge your support of this and other similar initiatives that shall provide transportation alternatives for Connecticut residents as well as assist Northwestern CT communities in their efforts to attract visitors to the region.

On behalf of the Board and our membership, thank you truly for your attention to this letter and attachment. We respect the many demands on your time and energy, and are grateful for all that you are doing promoting the health and vitality of the people and State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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